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FOR: SYSTEMATIC EVOLUTION OF LIGANDS BY  
EXPONENTIAL ENRICHMENT:  
PHOTOSELECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID  
LIGANDS AND SOLUTION SELEX

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/459,553, filed December 13, 1999, entitled "Systematic Evolution of Ligands by Exponential Enrichment: Photoselection of Nucleic Acid Ligands and Solution SELEX."

Please enter the following amendments in the above-identified patent application.

In the Specification

At page 1, delete lines 6-25 and insert the following:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

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At page 2, line 22, after "Ligands," insert --issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,475,096--.

At page 2, line 24, after "entitled" insert --Methods for Identifying--.

At page 5, line 9, delete "Wilbert" and insert --Gilbert--

At page 10, line 26, delete "Eggens" and insert --Eggen--.

At page 11, line 8, after "Structure," insert --now abandoned (See, U.S. Patent No. 5,707,796)--.

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